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**U.S. ARRESTS AND CHARGES HORATIO HAMILTON WITH
NARCOTICS CONSPIRACY AND FIREARM POSSESSION**

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that on January 6, 2005, a grand jury in the Southern District returned an indictment charging HORATIO HAMILTON, a/k/a "Tony Dumars," a/k/a "Desmond Hamilton," a/k/a "Romie Robertson," with heading an organization that was responsible for importing over 1000 kilograms of marijuana into New York City between 1997 and the present. HAMILTON was also charged with carrying and possessing firearms in connection with his marijuana trafficking activities. HAMILTON was arrested late last night in Los Angeles, California and is being held without bail.

The indictment alleges that in October 1999, HAMILTON possessed approximately 3600 pounds of marijuana at Los Angeles International Airport, in Los Angeles, California, and that he retrieved narcotics proceeds from a stash house in the Bronx in the summer of 2000. The indictment further alleges that HAMILTON

possessed approximately eight pounds of marijuana, approximately \$70,000 in narcotics proceeds, and three handguns in Encino, California in January 2004. In addition, the indictment alleges that between 1997 and January 2004, HAMILTON used and carried firearms in connection with his marijuana trafficking activities.

HAMILTON is charged in Count One with narcotics conspiracy, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846. The charge carries a mandatory minimum term of ten years' imprisonment and a maximum term of life imprisonment. HAMILTON is charged in Count Two with possessing firearms in furtherance of his drug trafficking crimes, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1). The charge carries a mandatory minimum term of five years' imprisonment that must be imposed consecutive to any term of imprisonment imposed on Count One.

Mr. KELLEY praised the investigative efforts and cooperation of the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Assistant United States Attorney ELIZABETH CARPENTER is in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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